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SUBJECT: HAITIAN POSTAL DEBT

REF: PORT AU PRINCE 0342

1. USPS ADVISED DEPARTMENT IN LETTER DATED MAY 26 THAT IT WILL ACCEPT ANDRE'S OFFER DESCRIBED REFTEL. USPS PROVIDED A GENERAL STATEMENT DATED FEBRUARY 3, 1978 (POUCHED UNDER SEPARATE COVER) WHICH SHOWS AN AMOUNT DUE THE U.S. OF 535,437.29 DOLLARS. THIS IS NET AFTER A CREDIT OF 34,520.57 DOLLARS TO HAITI FOR SERVICES RENDERED AND FOR WHICH PROPER DOCUMENTATION HAS BEEN RECEIVED. THE AMOUNT DUE THE U.S. DOES NOT INCLUDE ACCOUNTS DUE PAN AMERICAN AIRWAYS, INASMUCH AS THE HAITIAN POSTAL ADMINISTRATION IS MAKING PAYMENTS DIRECTLY TO PANAM. HOWEVER, THE AMOUNT DUE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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INCLUDES ALL ACCOUNTS FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY AHERICAN AIRLINES, AS THESE ARE COLLECTED THROUGH THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE. (USPS HAS MADE AVAILABLE TO DEPARTMENT LETTER FROM AMERICAN AIRLINES STATING THAT IT "DOES NOT HAVE AN AGREEMENT WITH HAITI FOR DIRECT PAYMENT BUT COLLECTS ITS MAIL RECEIPTS THROUGH THE U.S. POSTAL SERVICE.")

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- 2. USPS HAS PROVIDED FOLLOWING INFORMATION REGARDING HAITIAN COUNTERCLAIM: IN THE AGREEMENT ON THE PRE-1970 DEBTS, AN ALLOWANCE OR DISCOUNT WAS NOT GIVEN TO HAITIAN POSTAL ADMINISTRATION. INSTEAD, THE USPS HELPED HAITIANS PREPARE THE DOCUMENTATION REQUIRED BY THE UNIVERSAL POSTAL UNION'S (UPU) DETAILED REGULATIONS TO ESTABLISH THE AMOUNT PAYABLE ON USPS BOOKS FOR SERVICES RENDERED BY HAITI TO THE USPS. USPS IS AGAIN PREPARED TO ASSIST IN PREPARATION OF A CLAIM BY PREPARING THE NECESSARY FORMS. THE USPS WOULD OFFSET THE AMOUNT SO ESTABLISHED AGAINST CURRENT ACCOUNTS AS THEY ACCRUE.
- 3. IN SUMMARY USPS PROPOSAL IS:
- A. ACCEPTANCE BY HAITI OF FEBRUARY 3 GENERAL STATEMENT FOR 535,437.29 DOLLARS.
- B. PAYMENT BY HAITI OF 100.000 DOLLARS IMMEDIATELY.
- C. PAYMENT BY HAITI OF 4,535.80 DOLLARS PER MONTH FOR 96 MONTHS. (CALCULATED BY DIVIDING THE BALANCE OF 435,437.29 DOLLARS BY 96.)
- D. STIPULATION BY HAITI THAT CURRENT ACCOUNTS WILL BE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SETTLED AS THEY ACCRUE, THROUGH ACCEPTANCE OF GENERAL STATEMENTS WHEN RENDERED AND BY PROMPT PAYMENT.

- E. USPS ASSISTANCE IN PREPARATION OF UPU FORMS REQUIRED TO ESTABLISH HAITIAN CLAIM ON USPS BOOKS, WITH OFFSET OF AMOUNT SO ESTABLISHED AGAINST CURRENT ACCOUNTS AS THEY ACCRUE.
- 4. UPON RECEIPT OF GENERAL STATEMENT, EMBASSY IS AUTHORIZED TO DELIVER STATEMENT AND TO OUTLINE USPS PROPOSAL AS DESCRIBED ABOVE. VANCE

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